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State Bar Court of California Hearing Department Los Angeles ACTUAL SUSPENSION		
Counsel For The State Bar Michaela Carpio Deputy Trial Counsel 845 South Figueroa Street Los Angeles, CA 90017 (213) 765-1338 Bar # 304677	Case Number(s): 16-H-14004-YDR	For Court use only <div style="text-align: center;"> FILED MAR 15 2017 <i>HC</i> STATE BAR COURT CLERK'S OFFICE LOS ANGELES </div>
In Pro Per Respondent Mehrdad Alborz 20253 Keswick Street Apt. 231 Winnetka, CA 91306 (818) 391-4041 Bar # 188790	PUBLIC MATTER	
In the Matter of: MEHRDAD ALBORZ Bar # 188790 A Member of the State Bar of California (Respondent)	Submitted to: Settlement Judge STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION AND ORDER APPROVING ACTUAL SUSPENSION <input type="checkbox"/> PREVIOUS STIPULATION REJECTED	

Note: All information required by this form and any additional information which cannot be provided in the space provided, must be set forth in an attachment to this stipulation under specific headings, e.g., "Facts," "Dismissals," "Conclusions of Law," "Supporting Authority," etc.

A. Parties' Acknowledgments:

- (1) Respondent is a member of the State Bar of California, admitted **June 3, 1997**.
- (2) The parties agree to be bound by the factual stipulations contained herein even if conclusions of law or disposition are rejected or changed by the Supreme Court.
- (3) All investigations or proceedings listed by case number in the caption of this stipulation are entirely resolved by this stipulation and are deemed consolidated. Dismissed charge(s)/count(s) are listed under "Dismissals." The stipulation consists of **12** pages, not including the order.
- (4) A statement of acts or omissions acknowledged by Respondent as cause or causes for discipline is included under "Facts."



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- (5) Conclusions of law, drawn from and specifically referring to the facts are also included under "Conclusions of Law".
- (6) The parties must include supporting authority for the recommended level of discipline under the heading "Supporting Authority."
- (7) No more than 30 days prior to the filing of this stipulation, Respondent has been advised in writing of any pending investigation/proceeding not resolved by this stipulation, except for criminal investigations.
- (8) Payment of Disciplinary Costs—Respondent acknowledges the provisions of Bus. & Prof. Code §§6086.10 & 6140.7. (Check one option only):
- ☐ Until costs are paid in full, Respondent will remain actually suspended from the practice of law unless relief is obtained per rule 5.130, Rules of Procedure.
 - ☒ Costs are to be paid in equal amounts prior to February 1 for the following membership years: **two billing cycles following the effective date of the Supreme Court order.** (Hardship, special circumstances or other good cause per rule 5.132, Rules of Procedure.) If Respondent fails to pay any installment as described above, or as may be modified by the State Bar Court, the remaining balance is due and payable immediately.
 - ☐ Costs are waived in part as set forth in a separate attachment entitled "Partial Waiver of Costs".
 - ☐ Costs are entirely waived.

B. Aggravating Circumstances [Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct, standards 1.2(h) & 1.5]. Facts supporting aggravating circumstances are required.

- (1) ☒ **Prior record of discipline**
- (a) ☒ State Bar Court case # of prior case **13-O-15473 and 13-O-16117.**
 - (b) ☒ Date prior discipline effective **November 12, 2015.**
 - (c) ☒ Rules of Professional Conduct/ State Bar Act violations: **Rules of Professional Conduct, rules 4-100(B)(3) and 3-700(A)(2); Business and Professions Code sections 6068(i) and 6068(m).**
 - (d) ☒ Degree of prior discipline **Public reproof.**
 - (e) ☐ If Respondent has two or more incidents of prior discipline, use space provided below.
- See attachment at page 9.
- (2) ☐ **Intentional/Bad Faith/Dishonesty:** Respondent's misconduct was dishonest, intentional, or surrounded by, or followed by bad faith.
- (3) ☐ **Misrepresentation:** Respondent's misconduct was surrounded by, or followed by, misrepresentation.
- (4) ☐ **Concealment:** Respondent's misconduct was surrounded by, or followed by, concealment.
- (5) ☐ **Overreaching:** Respondent's misconduct was surrounded by, or followed by, overreaching.
- (6) ☐ **Uncharged Violations:** Respondent's conduct involves uncharged violations of the Business and Professions Code, or the Rules of Professional Conduct.

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- (7) ☐ **Trust Violation:** Trust funds or property were involved and Respondent refused or was unable to account to the client or person who was the object of the misconduct for improper conduct toward said funds or property.
- (8) ☐ **Harm:** Respondent's misconduct harmed significantly a client, the public, or the administration of justice.
- (9) ☐ **Indifference:** Respondent demonstrated indifference toward rectification of or atonement for the consequences of his or her misconduct.
- (10) ☐ **Candor/Lack of Cooperation:** Respondent displayed a lack of candor and cooperation to victims of his/her misconduct, or to the State Bar during disciplinary investigations or proceedings.
- (11) ☒ **Multiple Acts:** Respondent's current misconduct evidences multiple acts of wrongdoing. See attachment at page 9.
- (12) ☐ **Pattern:** Respondent's current misconduct demonstrates a pattern of misconduct.
- (13) ☐ **Restitution:** Respondent failed to make restitution.
- (14) ☐ **Vulnerable Victim:** The victim(s) of Respondent's misconduct was/were highly vulnerable.
- (15) ☐ **No aggravating circumstances** are involved.

Additional aggravating circumstances:

C. Mitigating Circumstances [see standards 1.2(i) & 1.6]. Facts supporting mitigating circumstances are required.

- (1) ☐ **No Prior Discipline:** Respondent has no prior record of discipline over many years of practice coupled with present misconduct which is not likely to recur.
- (2) ☐ **No Harm:** Respondent did not harm the client, the public, or the administration of justice.
- (3) ☐ **Candor/Cooperation:** Respondent displayed spontaneous candor and cooperation with the victims of his/her misconduct or to the State Bar during disciplinary investigations and proceedings.
- (4) ☐ **Remorse:** Respondent promptly took objective steps demonstrating spontaneous remorse and recognition of the wrongdoing, which steps were designed to timely atone for any consequences of his/her misconduct.
- (5) ☐ **Restitution:** Respondent paid \$ _____ on _____ in restitution to _____ without the threat or force of disciplinary, civil or criminal proceedings.
- (6) ☐ **Delay:** These disciplinary proceedings were excessively delayed. The delay is not attributable to Respondent and the delay prejudiced him/her.
- (7) ☐ **Good Faith:** Respondent acted with a good faith belief that was honestly held and objectively reasonable.
- (8) ☒ **Emotional/Physical Difficulties:** At the time of the stipulated act or acts of professional misconduct Respondent suffered extreme emotional difficulties or physical or mental disabilities which expert testimony would establish was directly responsible for the misconduct. The difficulties or disabilities were not the

product of any illegal conduct by the member, such as illegal drug or substance abuse, and the difficulties or disabilities no longer pose a risk that Respondent will commit misconduct. **See attachment at page 9-10.**

- (9) ☐ **Severe Financial Stress:** At the time of the misconduct, Respondent suffered from severe financial stress which resulted from circumstances not reasonably foreseeable or which were beyond his/her control and which were directly responsible for the misconduct.
- (10) ☒ **Family Problems:** At the time of the misconduct, Respondent suffered extreme difficulties in his/her personal life which were other than emotional or physical in nature. **See attachment at page 9.**
- (11) ☐ **Good Character:** Respondent's extraordinarily good character is attested to by a wide range of references in the legal and general communities who are aware of the full extent of his/her misconduct.
- (12) ☐ **Rehabilitation:** Considerable time has passed since the acts of professional misconduct occurred followed by convincing proof of subsequent rehabilitation.
- (13) ☐ **No mitigating circumstances** are involved.

Additional mitigating circumstances:

Pretrial Stipulation: See Attachment at page 10.

D. Discipline:

- (1) ☒ **Stayed Suspension:**
- (a) ☒ Respondent must be suspended from the practice of law for a period of **two years**.
- i. ☐ and until Respondent shows proof satisfactory to the State Bar Court of rehabilitation and fitness to practice and present learning and ability in the general law pursuant to standard 1.2(c)(1) Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct.
- ii. ☐ and until Respondent pays restitution as set forth in the Financial Conditions form attached to this stipulation.
- iii. ☐ and until Respondent does the following:
- (b) ☒ The above-referenced suspension is stayed.
- (2) ☒ **Probation:**
- Respondent must be placed on probation for a period of **two years**, which will commence upon the effective date of the Supreme Court order in this matter. (See rule 9.18, California Rules of Court)
- (3) ☒ **Actual Suspension:**
- (a) ☒ Respondent must be actually suspended from the practice of law in the State of California for a period of **30 days**.
- i. ☐ and until Respondent shows proof satisfactory to the State Bar Court of rehabilitation and fitness to practice and present learning and ability in the general law pursuant to standard 1.2(c)(1), Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct

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- ii. ☐ and until Respondent pays restitution as set forth in the Financial Conditions form attached to this stipulation.
- iii. ☐ and until Respondent does the following:

E. Additional Conditions of Probation:

- (1) ☐ If Respondent is actually suspended for two years or more, he/she must remain actually suspended until he/she proves to the State Bar Court his/her rehabilitation, fitness to practice, and present learning and ability in the general law, pursuant to standard 1.2(c)(1), Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct.
- (2) ☒ During the probation period, Respondent must comply with the provisions of the State Bar Act and Rules of Professional Conduct.
- (3) ☒ Within ten (10) days of any change, Respondent must report to the Membership Records Office of the State Bar and to the Office of Probation of the State Bar of California ("Office of Probation"), all changes of information, including current office address and telephone number, or other address for State Bar purposes, as prescribed by section 6002.1 of the Business and Professions Code.
- (4) ☒ Within thirty (30) days from the effective date of discipline, Respondent must contact the Office of Probation and schedule a meeting with Respondent's assigned probation deputy to discuss these terms and conditions of probation. Upon the direction of the Office of Probation, Respondent must meet with the probation deputy either in-person or by telephone. During the period of probation, Respondent must promptly meet with the probation deputy as directed and upon request.
- (5) ☒ Respondent must submit written quarterly reports to the Office of Probation on each January 10, April 10, July 10, and October 10 of the period of probation. Under penalty of perjury, Respondent must state whether Respondent has complied with the State Bar Act, the Rules of Professional Conduct, and all conditions of probation during the preceding calendar quarter. Respondent must also state whether there are any proceedings pending against him or her in the State Bar Court and if so, the case number and current status of that proceeding. If the first report would cover less than 30 days, that report must be submitted on the next quarter date, and cover the extended period.

In addition to all quarterly reports, a final report, containing the same information, is due no earlier than twenty (20) days before the last day of the period of probation and no later than the last day of probation.

- (6) ☐ Respondent must be assigned a probation monitor. Respondent must promptly review the terms and conditions of probation with the probation monitor to establish a manner and schedule of compliance. During the period of probation, Respondent must furnish to the monitor such reports as may be requested, in addition to the quarterly reports required to be submitted to the Office of Probation. Respondent must cooperate fully with the probation monitor.
- (7) ☒ Subject to assertion of applicable privileges, Respondent must answer fully, promptly and truthfully any inquiries of the Office of Probation and any probation monitor assigned under these conditions which are directed to Respondent personally or in writing relating to whether Respondent is complying or has complied with the probation conditions.
- (8) ☒ Within one (1) year of the effective date of the discipline herein, Respondent must provide to the Office of Probation satisfactory proof of attendance at a session of the Ethics School, and passage of the test given at the end of that session.

☐ No Ethics School recommended. Reason: .

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- (9) ☐ Respondent must comply with all conditions of probation imposed in the underlying criminal matter and must so declare under penalty of perjury in conjunction with any quarterly report to be filed with the Office of Probation.
- (10) ☐ The following conditions are attached hereto and incorporated:
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Substance Abuse Conditions | <input type="checkbox"/> Law Office Management Conditions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Conditions | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Conditions |

F. Other Conditions Negotiated by the Parties:

- (1) ☒ **Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination:** Respondent must provide proof of passage of the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination ("MPRE"), administered by the National Conference of Bar Examiners, to the Office of Probation during the period of actual suspension or within one year, whichever period is longer. **Failure to pass the MPRE results in actual suspension without further hearing until passage. But see rule 9.10(b), California Rules of Court, and rule 5.162(A) & (E), Rules of Procedure.**
- ☐ No MPRE recommended. Reason:
- (2) ☐ **Rule 9.20, California Rules of Court:** Respondent must comply with the requirements of rule 9.20, California Rules of Court, and perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 calendar days, respectively, after the effective date of the Supreme Court's Order in this matter.
- (3) ☐ **Conditional Rule 9.20, California Rules of Court:** If Respondent remains actually suspended for 90 days or more, he/she must comply with the requirements of rule 9.20, California Rules of Court, and perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 120 and 130 calendar days, respectively, after the effective date of the Supreme Court's Order in this matter.
- (4) ☐ **Credit for Interim Suspension [conviction referral cases only]:** Respondent will be credited for the period of his/her interim suspension toward the stipulated period of actual suspension. Date of commencement of interim suspension:
- (5) ☒ **Other Conditions:** Respondent is currently scheduled and registered to attend Ethics School on April 5, 2017. Proof of attendance and proof of passage of the test given at the end of Ethics School after court approval of this stipulation, but prior to the effective date of the Supreme Court order approving the stipulation, shall be deemed to comply with Section E(8).

ATTACHMENT TO
STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION

IN THE MATTER OF: MEHRDAD ALBORZ

CASE NUMBER: 16-H-14004

FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW.

Respondent admits that the following facts are true and that he is culpable of violations of the specified statutes and/or Rules of Professional Conduct.

Case No. 16-H-14004

FACTS:

1. On October 1, 2015, Respondent entered into a stipulation for a public reproof with conditions in State Bar case numbers 13-O-15473 and 13-O-16117. The conditions of the public reproof included:
 - a. Respondent must report to the Office of Probation within 30 days from the effective date of discipline to schedule a meeting with Respondent's assigned probation deputy; and
 - b. Respondent must submit written quarterly reports attesting to Respondent's compliance with ethics rules every January 10, April 10, July 10, and December 10 until the completion of the reproof period, and submit a final written report no earlier than 20 days before the last day of the reproof period.
2. On October 20, 2015, the State Bar Court signed a Reproof Order approving the stipulation and imposing the public reproof.
3. On October 22, 2015, the stipulation and order were filed with the State Bar Court, and the order went into effect on November 12, 2015.
4. On November 12, 2015, Respondent called and left a voicemail for the Office of Probation to schedule the required meeting as per the reproof order.
5. On November 13, 2015, the Office of Probation emailed Respondent confirming receipt of his voicemail, and informing him that the Office of Probation will be sending him a courtesy letter including all of the terms and conditions of his public reproof. The Office of Probation also asked Respondent to email her all of the dates and times he is available next month for the required meeting. Respondent received the email.
6. On November 16, 2015, the Office of Probation mailed a courtesy letter to Respondent outlining all of the reproof conditions, as well as reminding Respondent of the various deadlines as per the stipulation. The letter was mailed to Respondent's membership records address. Respondent received the letter.

7. On January 10, 2016, Respondent failed to file his first quarterly report with the Office of Probation.

8. On April 10, 2016, Respondent failed to file his second quarterly report with the Office of Probation.

9. On May 16, 2016, the Office of Probation mailed and emailed Respondent a courtesy letter informing Respondent of his non-compliance. The Office of Probation instructed Respondent to schedule the required meeting and to submit the written quarterly reports immediately, and informed Respondent that, because he was not in compliance with the terms and conditions of his reprobation, it may result in the imposition of additional discipline and attendant costs. Respondent received the letter and the email.

10. On May 20, 2016, Respondent emailed the Office of Probation confirming that he was in receipt of its May 16, 2016 letter, and explaining that he was unresponsive because his mother passed away from cancer and he was out of the country for a long time. Respondent indicated that he would file his written quarterly reports and schedule the required meeting by the following Monday.

11. On May 23, 2016, the Office of Probation emailed Respondent and provided him with next available meeting date of Friday, May 27, 2016 at 11:00am. In addition, the Office of Probation informed Respondent that the meeting would be held telephonically, and he needed the Office of Probation's packet to participate in the meeting. Respondent received the email.

12. On May 24, 2016, and May 26, 2016, Respondent and the Office of Probation exchanged emails regarding the details of the required meeting.

13. On May 27, 2016, Respondent emailed the Office of Probation indicating that he could not find the Office of Probation's packet. The Office of Probation emailed Respondent back informing him that the packet had been mailed to him on November 16, 2015, to his membership records address, and then mailed and emailed to him again on May 16, 2016. In addition, the Office of Probation told Respondent that if he did not have the packet, then they needed to reschedule the required meeting. Respondent emailed the Office of Probation stating that he could not find the packet, requesting a copy of the packet, and rescheduling the required meeting. Respondent then called the Office of Probation and left a voicemail stating he had been trying to find the packet for almost two hours to no avail. Respondent requested guidance as he did not know what to do.

14. On May 31, 2016, the Office of Probation emailed Respondent attaching a copy of the packet and informed him that the next available date for the required meeting was Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 11:00am. Respondent received the email.

15. On June 9, 2016, Respondent failed to call the Office of Probation for his scheduled required meeting.

16. On July 10, 2016, Respondent failed to file his third quarterly report with the Office of Probation.

17. On October 10, 2016, Respondent failed to file his fourth quarterly report with the Office of Probation.

18. On November 12, 2016, Respondent failed to file his final written report with the Office of Probation.

19. On November 14, 2016, the Office of Probation confirmed that Respondent has not attended State Bar Ethics School.

20. On March 1, 2016, Respondent registered for State Bar Ethics School. He is currently scheduled to attend the session of April 5, 2017.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

21. By failing to timely submit four written quarterly reports and a final written report to the Office of Probation and by failing to attend State Bar Ethics School, pass the test given at the end, and provide proof of passage of same to the Office of Probation, Respondent failed to comply with conditions attached to his public reproof conditions in State Bar case numbers 13-O-15473 and 13-O-16117, in willful violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 1-110.

AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES.

Prior Record of Discipline (Std. 1.5(a)). Respondent has one prior record of discipline, State Bar Case Numbers 13-O-15473 and 13-O-16117, in which he was publicly reproofed with conditions for a period of one year, effective November 12, 2015. This is the discipline underlying the present case. Pursuant to a stipulation, Respondent acknowledged that: (1) he failed to render an appropriate accounting after termination and failed to cooperate and participate in a disciplinary investigation pending against him in one client matter, and (2) he failed to promptly respond to reasonable status inquiries from a client, failed to take reasonable steps to avoid reasonably foreseeable prejudice after withdrawing from employment, and failed to cooperate and participate in a disciplinary investigation pending against him in a second client matter. In mitigation, Respondent had no prior discipline, entered into a pre-trial stipulation, and had family problems stemming from his mother's cancer diagnosis. In aggravation, Respondent was culpable of multiple acts of misconduct from these two client matters.

Multiple Acts of Misconduct (Std. 1.5(b)). Respondent has violated eight conditions of his probation, which constitutes multiple acts of misconduct.

MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES.

Family Problems: Respondent's mother, who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, died on February 22, 2016. As per Respondent's religion and culture, Respondent mourned for 40 days after her death. Respondent was severely emotionally impacted by his mother's death, which occurred during the period of his public reproof.

Emotional/Physical Difficulties: In late September 2016, Respondent was diagnosed with cirrhosis of the liver after first developing ascites and edema in late August 2016 to early September 2016. As a result of the diagnosis, Respondent was hospitalized for the disease for three days in September 2016. Prior to the diagnosis, Respondent suffered from symptoms of the disease. This occurred during the period of his public reproof and impacted his ability to comply with the conditions of his public reproof. Although there is no evidence that Respondent's illnesses no longer pose a risk

that Respondent will commit misconduct, he has been undergoing medical treatment to manage the disease since his diagnosis. (*Ainsworth v. State Bar* (1988) 46 Cal.3d 1218, 1228-1229.)

Pretrial Stipulation: By entering into this stipulation, Respondent has acknowledged misconduct and is entitled to mitigation for recognition of wrongdoing and saving the State Bar significant resources and time. (*Silva-Vidor v. State Bar* (1989) 49 Cal.3d 1071, 1079 [where mitigative credit was given for entering into a stipulation as to facts and culpability]; *In the Matter of Spaith* (Review Dept. 1996) 3 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 511, 521 [where the attorney's stipulation to facts and culpability was held to be a mitigating circumstance].)

AUTHORITIES SUPPORTING DISCIPLINE.

The Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct “set forth a means for determining the appropriate disciplinary sanction in a particular case and to ensure consistency across cases dealing with similar misconduct and surrounding circumstances.” (Rules Proc. of State Bar, tit. IV, Stds. for Atty. Sanctions for Prof. Misconduct, std. 1.1. All further references to Standards are to this source.) The Standards help fulfill the primary purposes of discipline, which include: protection of the public, the courts and the legal profession; maintenance of the highest professional standards; and preservation of public confidence in the legal profession. (See std. 1.1; *In re Morse* (1995) 11 Cal.4th 184, 205.)

Although not binding, the Standards are entitled to “great weight” and should be followed “whenever possible” in determining level of discipline. (*In re Silverton* (2005) 36 Cal.4th 81, 92, quoting *In re Brown* (1995) 12 Cal.4th 205, 220 and *In re Young* (1989) 49 Cal.3d 257, 267, fn. 11.) Adherence to the Standards in the great majority of cases serves the valuable purpose of eliminating disparity and assuring consistency, that is, the imposition of similar attorney discipline for instances of similar attorney misconduct. (*In re Naney* (1990) 51 Cal.3d 186, 190.) If a recommendation is at the high end or low end of a Standard, an explanation must be given as to how the recommendation was reached. (Std. 1.1.) “Any disciplinary recommendation that deviates from the Standards must include clear reasons for the departure.” (Std. 1.1; *Blair v. State Bar* (1989) 49 Cal.3d 762, 776, fn. 5.)

In determining whether to impose a sanction greater or less than that specified in a given Standard, in addition to the factors set forth in the specific Standard, consideration is to be given to the primary purposes of discipline; the balancing of all aggravating and mitigating circumstances; the type of misconduct at issue; whether the client, public, legal system or profession was harmed; and the member’s willingness and ability to conform to ethical responsibilities in the future. (Stds. 1.7(b) and (c).)

Standard 2.14 provides that actual suspension is the presumed sanction for failing to comply with a condition of discipline. The degree of sanction depends on the nature of the condition violated and the member’s unwillingness or inability to comply with disciplinary orders.

Here, Respondent failed to comply with eight conditions of his public reproof, including not timely scheduling and attending the required meeting with the Office of Probation, not filing any quarterly written reports, not filing a final written report, and not providing proof of attendance of State Bar Ethics School. In sum, Respondent has not complied with any of the conditions of his reproof.

However, Respondent has significant mitigating circumstances, which outweigh the aggravating circumstances, and he provided reasons as to why he stopped complying with his public reproof

conditions. First, Respondent's mother passed away on February 22, 2016. After Respondent's mother passed away, Respondent mourned for 40 days as per his culture and religion. Then, Respondent was diagnosed with cirrhosis of the liver late September 2016 after first developing ascites and edema in late August 2016 to early September 2016. Respondent was hospitalized for the disease for three days in September 2016, and has been seeing his doctors over the past several months in order to manage this disease. Moreover, Respondent registered for the next available Ethics School session of April 5, 2017. Given that the significant mitigating evidence outweighs the aggravating evidence and provides a substantive reason as to why Respondent did not comply with the conditions of his probation, discipline at the low end of the range provided in Standard 2.14 (30 days actual suspension) is warranted in the present matter.

In light of the foregoing, two years of suspension, stayed, and two years of probation, including 30 days of actual suspension is appropriate to protect the public, the courts and the legal profession, to maintain high professional standards by attorneys, and to preserve public confidence in the legal profession.

COSTS OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS.

Respondent acknowledges that the Office of Chief Trial Counsel has informed respondent that as of March 2, 2017, the discipline costs in this matter are \$3,669. Respondent further acknowledges that should this stipulation be rejected or should relief from the stipulation be granted, the costs in this matter may increase due to the cost of further proceedings.

EXCLUSION FROM MINIMUM CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION ("MCLE") CREDIT

Respondent may not receive MCLE credit for completion of State Bar Ethics School and/or any other educational course(s) to be ordered as a condition of suspension. (Rules Proc. of State Bar, rule 3201.)

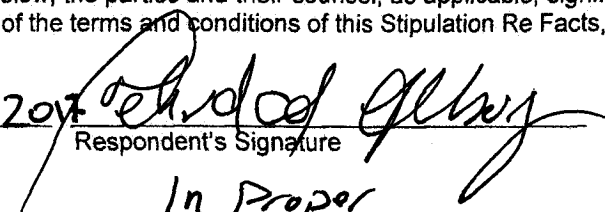
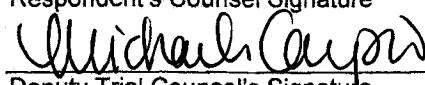
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MEHRDAD ALBORZ

Case number(s):
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SIGNATURE OF THE PARTIES

By their signatures below, the parties and their counsel, as applicable, signify their agreement with each of the recitations and each of the terms and conditions of this Stipulation Re Facts, Conclusions of Law, and Disposition.

<u>MARCH 1st, 2017</u>	<u></u>	
Date	Respondent's Signature	Mehrdad Alborz
<u>N/A</u>	<u>In Proper</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Date	Respondent's Counsel Signature	Print Name
<u>MARCH 3, 2017</u>	<u></u>	
Date	Deputy Trial Counsel's Signature	Michaela Carpio

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ACTUAL SUSPENSION ORDER

Finding the stipulation to be fair to the parties and that it adequately protects the public, IT IS ORDERED that the requested dismissal of counts/charges, if any, is GRANTED without prejudice, and:

- ☒ The stipulated facts and disposition are APPROVED and the DISCIPLINE RECOMMENDED to the Supreme Court.
- ☐ The stipulated facts and disposition are APPROVED AS MODIFIED as set forth below, and the DISCIPLINE IS RECOMMENDED to the Supreme Court.
- ☐ All Hearing dates are vacated.

The parties are bound by the stipulation as approved unless: 1) a motion to withdraw or modify the stipulation, filed within 15 days after service of this order, is granted; or 2) this court modifies or further modifies the approved stipulation. (See rule 5.58(E) & (F), Rules of Procedure.) **The effective date of this disposition is the effective date of the Supreme Court order herein, normally 30 days after file date. (See rule 9.18(a), California Rules of Court.)**

March 13, 2017

Date


YVETTE D. ROLAND
Judge of the State Bar Court

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

[Rules Proc. of State Bar; Rule 5.27(B); Code Civ. Proc., § 1013a(4)]

I am a Case Administrator of the State Bar Court of California. I am over the age of eighteen and not a party to the within proceeding. Pursuant to standard court practice, in the City and County of Los Angeles, on March 15, 2017, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION AND ORDER APPROVING

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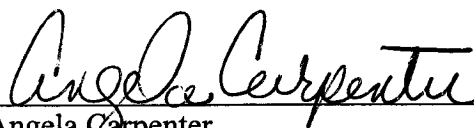
- ☒ by first-class mail, with postage thereon fully prepaid, through the United States Postal Service at Los Angeles, California, addressed as follows:

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- ☒ by interoffice mail through a facility regularly maintained by the State Bar of California addressed as follows:

Michaela F. Carpio, Enforcement, Los Angeles

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on March 15, 2017.



Angela Carpenter
Case Administrator
State Bar Court